

June 17, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE AND ESTABLISH CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR PLAYGROUND
REPLACEMENT AT FOUR FIFTH DISTRICT PARKS
(Fifth District – 3 Vote Matter)**

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE THAT
YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed projects are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve and establish Capital Projects No. 86620, 86621, 86622, and 86623 for the replacement of playground equipment at Farnsworth Park, Hasley Canyon Park, George Lane Park, and Del Valle Park, respectively, in the amount of \$125,000 each, funded by State grants under the Proposition 12 Per Capita Program.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to replace the playground equipment at Farnsworth Park, Hasley Canyon Park, George Lane Park, and Del Valle Park to ensure the safety and well-being of park patrons.

The proposed projects include the removal and replacement of playground equipment and the installation of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant play equipment and surfacing to comply with safety standards established by the Consumer Product Safety Committee, the American Society for Testing Materials, and the ADA.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The playground replacement will support the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence by providing the public with access to quality services that are both beneficial and responsive to the community. This project will also support the Strategic Plan Goal of Community Services by improving the quality of life for residents of Los Angeles County's unincorporated areas through enhanced recreational activities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The projects are funded by \$500,000 in State grants under the Proposition 12 Per Capita Program. The State has approved grant applications for each project in the amount of \$125,000.

Funding for these Capital Projects is included in the Chief Administrative Officer's Recommended Changes to the Proposed 2003-04 Budget.

Operating Budget Impact

The project improvement consists of the replacement of the existing playground equipment and there will be no impact to the Department's operating budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This action has been reviewed by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The approval of the proposed projects is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to Section 15302, Class 2(c) and under Class 2(e) of the County of Los Angeles Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on current County services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to forward one (1) conformed copy of this letter to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division and four (4) conformed copies of this letter to the Department of Parks and Recreation for distribution.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director

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Chief Administrative Officer

c: Executive Office (22)
 County Counsel